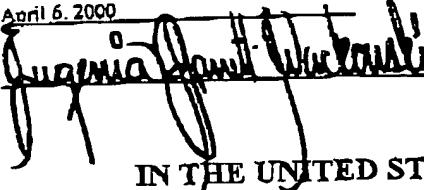


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In re application of:

MALFROY-CAMINE et al.

Application No.: 09/029,686

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Examiner: **C. Delacroix-Murhei**

Art Unit: **1654**

**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME FOR THREE
MONTHS WITH FEE AUTHORIZATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 6, 1999 for three months, from January 6, 2000 to April 6, 2000. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a Notice of Appeal is enclosed herewith.

